Evaluation of Tribal Development Programmes

492. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any evaluation of programmes for tribal development included in the Ninth Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the findings of this evaluation?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Comprehensive evaluation of programmes for tribal development included in Ninth Five Year Plan has not been undertaken as yet.

(b) Does not arise.

Declaring Trans-Giri Areas as Tribal Areas in H.P.

493. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh to declare Trans- Giri areas, commonly known as Giri Bar, as tribal areas in district Sirmour of H.P. on the lines as it has been done for same areas of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh had requested to declare Trans-Giri are as tribal area in district Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh. The proposal of the State Government was examined and it was found; that the Scheduled Tribe population in the Trans-Giri is only 0.12% of the total population in that area. Hence, the area is not eligible to be declared as tribal area.

Non-Utilization of Budget Allocation for Tribal Affairs

494. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) The total Budget allocation for tribal affairs under various schemes to different States;

(b) Whether it is a fact that Budget allocation of his Ministry is not being utilized because of indifferent attitude of the officers; and